

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicant:  | Robert Lance Cook     | § | Group Art Unit:   | 3672       |
| Serial No.: | 10/597,132            | § |                   |            |
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| For:        | Expandable Connection | § | Confirmation No.: | 6510       |

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 13, 2011**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Att'y Docket No. P103-0031-US  
Customer No. 96792  
Date: March 2, 2012

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated December 13, 2011, and in reply, submits the following to be entered into the record:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.